

HOLDERNESS CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING MINUTES OF MARCH 17, 2005

The Annual Holderness School District meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. by Moderator Malcolm "Tink" Taylor who asked Margaret "Peg" Winton to lead in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Moderator asked for a moment of silence in memory of Superintendent John W. True, Jr.

Results of the Holderness and Pemi-Baker Cooperative School District elections of March 8, 2005 were announced. School Board member for 3 years: Jane Bjerklie-Barry received 168 votes; School Board member for 2 years: Wendy Mersch received 164 votes. School District Moderator for 3 years: Malcolm Taylor (write-in) received 25 votes. School District Treasurer 3 years: Kathy Whitlemore (write-in) received 5 votes.

A motion was made by Anne Hunnewell and seconded by Peg Winton to waive the reading of the warrant in its entirety and go directly to the first article. Passed unanimously.

Article I: Moved by Anne Hunnewell and seconded by Peg Winton. The vote was unanimous to accept the reports of agents, auditors, committees, and officers.

Article II: Moved by Peg Winton and seconded by Anne Hunnewell. Martha Richards asked if new computers will be purchased this year. Principal Sandra McLaughlin explained that the computers were upgraded last year and the money set aside in the capitol reserve will ensure the school will be able to keep up with new technology. Passed unanimously.

Article III: Moved by Fran Taylor and seconded by Peg Winton. Anne Hunnewell asked for clarification on this article from the School Board. Board member Martha Macomber explained that one bond will be paid off this year. In order to keep the tax rate level, the board would like to set aside money this year for a much-needed comprehensive building study. Vote was unanimous.

Article IV: Moved by Laura Rollison and seconded by Peg Winton. Martha Richards asked if this figure includes the artist in residence program. Martha Macomber replied that the program is included. Passed unanimously.

Article V: The Moderator explained that this article was voted on during Election Day. Although the article received 97 votes in favor and 83 opposed, it need a 60% vote to pass. Peg Winton made a motion to table article V, seconded by Fran Taylor. Vote was unanimous to table this article.

Article VI: The Moderator stated that this article was voted on during Election Day. The article passed with 102 votes in favor, 70 votes opposed. Martha Macomber made a motion to table article VI, seconded by Nancy Ruhm. Vote was unanimous to table this article.

Article VII: Martha Macomber expressed appreciation to outgoing School Board Member Ed Swanson. Macomber thanked Swanson for his service and dedication.

Macomber gave a presentation covering student achievement, enrichment opportunities, personalized learning plans, integrated problem solving curriculum, and community involvement. Martha Richards added that the school also offers after school enrichment, cooking classes, theater, Spanish language classes, Destination Imagination and Student Council. Peg Winton added that the Historical Society has been invited to visit with the Third grade to assist with a history project.

The Moderator noted that there was a mix up of this year's Annual School District Meeting date. Several residence have expressed to him that they would like to return to the meeting date of the Wednesday following the Annual Town Meeting.

With no further business to come before the meeting, a motion was made by Nancy Ruhm and seconded by Martha Richards to adjourn at 7:23 p.m. Vote was unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,
Sara M. Weinberg
School District Clerk, Holderness